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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. through 11. (Canceled)

12.   (Previously Presented) A computer system, comprising:
a central processing unit; and
a machine readable medium comprising machine readable instructions, which when read and executed by the central processing unit, cause the computer system to perform a method comprising:

defining a graphical user interface responsive to functionality of a first application loaded onto the computer system, and

redefining the graphical user interface responsive to functionality of second application loaded onto the computer so as to control both the first and the second applications with the graphical user interface, wherein redefining further comprises adding the functionality of the second application to the graphical user interface if the functionality of the second application does not already exist in the graphical user interface.

13.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 12, wherein defining the graphical user interface further comprises:

adding each function of the first application to the graphical user interface; and

registering each function of the application for notification by the graphical user interface when a user initiates a command calling for a registered function.

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14.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 12, wherein defining the graphical user interface further comprises:

retrieving the functionality of the second application.

15.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 14, wherein redefining the graphical user interface further comprises:

comparing each function of the second application with functions of the defined graphical user interface.

16.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 15, wherein redefining the graphical user interface further comprises:

registering the function of the second application with the database for notification by the graphical user interface when a user initiates a command calling for the registered function if the function of the new application is already presenting the graphical user interface.

17.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 15, wherein redefining the graphical user interface further comprises:

adding the function of the second application to the graphical user interface if the function of the new application is not already present in the graphical user interface.

18.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 15, wherein redefining the graphical user interface comprises:

registering the function of the second application for notification by the graphical user interface when a command is initiated that calls for the registered function.

19.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 12, wherein the graphical user interface allows access to at least one electric appliance attached to the computer system.

20. through 29.   (Cancelled)